

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1676 without my signature.

While I support the idea of a transparent, open government, this bill would post information on the Web that is of little use to the public and could jeopardize the safety of correctional institutions. The identifying information contained in this bill could be used by gangs or other criminal elements to coordinate activities inside state correctional institutions. In addition, this bill would only require the information be posted on a quarterly basis. This outdated "lockdown" information would serve very limited, if any, useful purpose for the general public.

Currently, the Department of Corrections and California Youth Authority provide a wide variety of institutional information, including lockdown information, upon request to the Legislature and various public and private research groups. In the future, my Administration will continue to work with all interested parties to ensure that adequate information is available for research and policy decisions.

For these reasons I am unable to support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger